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'TIS FAITH

Reality is!
God is!
We know it in our inner consciousness—
Else we would not enjoy
Those blissful moments
Of reaching up beyond ourselves
To that which seemingly
Eludes us.

Our latent memory—awakening—
Invites Faith to stimulate
Our trust in God.

'Tis Faith
Which rivets our attention
Upon that which, in reality,
We are!
But which we have allowed
To be encased, imprisoned—
Within the confines
Of our own misdeeds.

'Tis Faith
Which pierces through
The darkness—the confusion
In which we find ourselves—
Not knowing—otherwise--
Which way to turn.

'Tis Faith
Hath given us a glimpse
Of our Immortal Selves—
And we have felt within our hearts
The glory of the many mansions
Waiting us.

We do not stop to reason—
Question—analyze—
For Faith
Hath cast Her beam ahead—
And now we know.

The cobblestones of doubt and fear
We do not feel beneath our feet.—
The mountain side
Which seemed so steep—
'Twas a mirage
Built in the mind
By misconception.

We're on our way!
'Tis a safe passage now
That Faith directs our steps
Past quagmires of indifference--
Until the journey's done—
And we arrive—to leave no more
The Father's House!

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THE BELOVED ELOHIM OF STRENGTH, HERCULES, AND HIS DIVINE COMPLEMENT, BLESSED AMAZON.

When we speak of *strength*, as one of the Divine Attributes and Gifts of Beloved Hercules and Blessed Amazon, we refer to the added power of Their combined Lifestreams which enables all men, women and children on the Earth to be strengthened in their individual and collective capacities to fulfill God's Holy Will, each according to his own dormant or partially developed desire to externalize that Divine Will!

Many good men and women desire to do something which will be of lasting benefaction to themselves, their loved ones and the entire human race using the dear planet Earth as a schoolroom and temporary home. However, such peoples often times have not sufficient tenacity of nature, in themselves, to remain constant in their endeavors to externalize their desire until it becomes an actual reality in the physical appearance world. They are content with "day-dreams" of a sweet by-and-by, or with mental visions of what they would like to do but seem incapable of actually manifesting due to any number of obstructions which rise before them—some very real and some imaginary in nature.

The Beloved Hercules and Blessed Amazon ARE THE FULLNESS OF THAT STRENGTH TO DO GOD'S HOLY WILL HERE ON EARTH AS IT IS ALWAYS DONE IN HEAVEN!

If you are among those children of God, who have such a God-inspired desire to bless yourselves, your fellowman and the sweet Earth which is your present home, the Elohim Hercules *can* assist you to fulfill that desire right now in this present embodiment. Why is this so? Because, once in ages long past, the Father-Mother God of this System invited the Planetary Builders (called the Elohim of Creation) to look upon His Vision of the Planets of this System, One of which was the sweet Earth. It was Beloved Hercules and Blessed Amazon Who were *first* to accept the opportunity to help the God-Parents of this System to create out of primordial Life Essence the actual planet Earth Itself. These two Beings, looking upon the God Design, said: "WE *WILL* TO HELP IN THE CREATION OF THE EARTH AS A PLANETARY HOME FOR GENERATIONS YET UNBORN FROM THE HEART OF GOD." Thus, preceding all lasting constructive creation, comes the *WILL TO DO*, accompanied by the STRENGTH TO ACCOMPLISH that which is so

designed to "widen the Borders of the Father's Kingdom!"

They are very naturally eager and desirous of helping to re-create on the Earth the beautiful perfection in which It was first created, because THEY were the TWO BEINGS Who took the responsibility of being WILLING TO COOPERATE with the God-Parents of this system, the Other Elohim (mentioned in Volume No. 4 of Hope) following Them, serving with Them, and contributing to Them, Their individual services.

How do the Elohim *practically* participate in this process of re-creation of perfection on Earth, which is even now taking place preparatory to the establishment of a Permanent Golden Age of Peace, Health, Opulence and Supply, for which a chaotic and bewildered mankind cry? Through unascended beings who have caught a small portion of that vision and who are endeavoring, according to their own understanding, to co-operate toward this Utopia.

Mankind has lived upon this sweet Earth for millions of years, and the present temporary chaos and imperfection are a result of their own destructive use of the creative centers of thought, feeling, spoken word and action. This chaos, limitation and distress is not GOD-MADE, but rather *humanly* created. Thus, the loving Mercy of the God-Father and God-Mother of this Earth gives each individual opportunity to help in the process of redemption, always providing the STRENGTH of Their Divine Messengers to assist any sincere individual to not only transmute the man-made limitations, but actively participate in the process of the re-creation of perfection for the blessing and benediction of themselves and the entire evolution to which they presently belong.

Man's strength (without acknowledgement of God and His Divine Messengers) is feeble against the great mass riptides of human creation which flow through the lower atmosphere in which most of the peoples of the Earth abide. Although an individual desires to do right, the life-line of his energy is a "thin thread" woven of a substance soft as "flax" which can and is so often broken by the resistance of both the unseen forces, spoken of above, as well as the ridicule and opposition of the outer minds of his contemporaries.

However, when any man, deep in his own heart, desires to do God's Holy Will (WHICH IS ALWAYS GOOD) on Earth, as IT IS ALWAYS DONE IN HEAVEN, the life-line of his energy is enfolded in a strong "casing" of Cosmic Strength issuing out the very Presence of Beloved Hercules and Amazon. This "casing" might be likened to the protective cover which encases high-volt-

age electric light wires to protect the people from the danger of personal contact with such electricity. The color of this protective casing which enfolds the life-line of the individual desiring to externalize God's Holy Will on Earth is ALWAYS A POWERFUL ROYAL *BLUE* COLOR, as Beloved Hercules and Blessed Amazon serve on the First Ray (whose predominant Color is BLUE). Most constructive individuals who serve as protectors of law and order on Earth, such as the police force, wear blue uniforms which not only give them added protection in such service, but also denotes the Ray upon which they are consciously or unconsciously serving.

No matter which one of the seven constructive lines of endeavor you are presently serving upon or which you desire to serve now and in the future, always outside the color of that Ray through which the Seven Facets of the Holy Spirit are to be externalized on Earth, there will be, easily discernible always to the inner sight of the spiritually developed students, the strong, powerful radiation of the Blue Ray which protects your own life-line in such service and helps you to bring into practical manifestation some blessing of lasting benefaction to the human race en masse.

The Strength and Power of Hercules and Amazon motivates and sustains all constructive endeavor. It is Their *Reason for Being*. If you are interested in patriotic endeavors (First Ray); scholastic achievements (Second Ray); humanitarian accomplishments (Third Ray); purification of all the motives behind human activities (Fourth Ray); engendering of scientific research of a constructive nature (Fifth Ray); ministration to the distresses of mankind and all imprisoned life wheresoever it is found (Sixth Ray); or the development of the spiritual natures inherent in your fellowman (Seventh Ray); you will most assuredly require and receive the strength of Beloved Hercules and Blessed Amazon in developing your abstract interest into practical works "in God's Holy Name" for the benefaction of yourselves and your fellowman. They are so desirous of assisting mankind to so externalize the Divine Plan on Earth through the channels (human beings) who open themselves to Their loving, constant, protecting and strengthening assistance.

In this "modern day", mankind do not attempt, through their own strength, to cross the great oceans by swimming, when great ocean steamers and airplanes offer them the convenience of their service. In like manner, the wise members of the human race accept the God-Assistance of the Divine Beings in breasting far greater tides of human creation (unseen for the most part) in

developing and externalizing a practical, serviceable activity for their own blessing and that of the human race. Mankind do not *worship* the ocean liners nor the aircraft which assist them in their travels; neither does the Heavenly Father nor His Divine Messengers *require you to worship* the Elohim, Who stand willing to assist you. Merely use Their Gifts and Powers FREELY and thus accelerate the individual project which particularly interests you. The results of calling upon the Elohim will be proof enough of Their reality and capacity to assist you, even as the safe, comfortable accomodations afforded by the airlines and ocean liners assure you of efficient convoy to your point of destination upon the Earth's surface. However, in the case of the human means of transportation, there is always the element of accident or disaster, whereas the Service of the Elohim *never* results in anything but more and more perfection poured to you and through you for the blessing of yourself and the human race.

The Beloved Elohim Hercules and Blessed Amazon will also *give protection to your homes, families and business affairs* when They are invited so to do. They have limitless Legions of Angels at Their command Whom They send to you and your loved ones upon request. So, beloved ones, you are never alone in your endeavors to externalize God's Holy Will with such great Friends and Their Divine Emissaries EVER AT YOUR COMMAND.

Beloved Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your watchful, loving care of men and all I hold near and dear. I thank You for providing the protection and strength of Your Beloved Elohim Hercules and Amazon. I ask humbly that You and They protect, guard and strengthen me and all mankind in our endeavors to externalize Your Holy Will on Earth and to, in like manner, give such protection, guidance and strength to all members of the human race who are motivated by a like desire to externalize Your Kingdom on Earth for the blessing of this generation and all generations yet to come. Amen.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT

23rd Psalm of David

The word "Lord" is often used as a synonym for Law (Cosmic Law of Pure Divine Love). If the dear reader will contemplate this so comforting and well known Psalm, using the word Law of Pure Divine Love instead of Lord (in the abstract sense) it will prove how very efficacious every individual can become through the practical use of the Law of Divine Love in every circumstance in his or her life which requires assistance.

The Lord (Law of Love) is my Shepherd (Guide); I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures (the Law provides the perfect home and business for each one abiding in a state of Pure Divine Love); He leadeth me beside the still waters (bringing the peace of mind and soul that each individual requires); He (the Law of Love) restoreth my soul (redeems the impurities of thought, feeling, word and action); He (the use of the Law of Love) leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake (guides Us in every aspect of our activities of daily living).

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou are with me; (protection for each dear reader and his loved ones); Thy rod and Thy staff, They comfort me (Comforting Presence which comes with the knowledge that, living in Love, protection is active ALWAYS in, through and around you and your loved ones). Thou (The Law of Love) preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies (so-called fear, doubts, limitations) . . . affirmation of the opulent SUPPLY ever present for those who live in Love; Thou anointest my head with oil (spiritual grace); my cup runneth over (as you are imbued with this feeling of pure Divine Love, you are a vessel through which Divine Love can and does flow to others about you).

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (while I maintain a feeling of Pure Divine Love and comply with the Cosmic Law); and I will dwell in the house of the Lord (state of spiritual grace) forever!

THE THREE D'S
DECISION! DETERMINATION! DESTINY!

Resolve and thou art free!
Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel!
Every noble work is at first impossible!
The tissues of the life to be
We weave with colors all our own;
And in the field of Destiny,
We reap as we have sown.
Never give up, for the wisest is boldest
Knowing that Providence mingles the Cup;
And of all maxims, the best as the oldest,
Is the true watchword of "Never give up!"
The heights of great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.
This day we fashion Destiny, our web of fate we spin;
This day for all hereafter, choose we holiness within!

Constantly emanating from the Heart and Mind of the Father-Mother God, are beautiful Ideas which are infinite and which never have been grasped in their fullness because there are not enough intelligences who can possibly accept all the Ideas from the Universal First Cause and *externalize* them. The generating center of the Mind and Heart of God, and the Divine Thoughts and Ideas that are proceeding constantly from His great Consciousness are such that even if every being on the Earth, and all Those in the Angelic and Elemental Kingdoms, grasped an Idea every second, and externalized It perfectly, they would not even then have touched the Treasure House of the Unclaimed! So we have marvelous opportunity to magnetize Divine Ideas and within each Idea is the *way and means of fulfilling It.* It is the Cosmic Seed of the Father thrown out into Universal Space and one's consciousness is the magnet, the individual field into which that Idea may be sown by one's free will, be *nourished, developed,* and *externalized.*

There is no need to suffer limitation because the Etheric Realm is literally "bursting" with perfection and yet there are so few physically embodied lifestreams who will open themselves sufficiently to let them through. What an opportunity to be an open door to these exquisite and perfect Ideas that have

come from above because They have not attained completion in Themselves until they *have a physical manifestation.* Such magnificence in industry, commerce, architecture, painting, art, education,—all of this must be channelled through some receptive consciousness *because God needs a body.* By magnetizing and *externailizing* this God-projected splendor, one becomes a co-creator with Divinity.

Everything that has ever been accomplished on the planet Earth or in the Heavenly Realms has been accomplished by men and women of *decision*— by Angels, elementals and Devas of *decision;* by Beings Who have voluntarily chosen to combine the energies of Their lives with the WILL TO DO. Without that WILL TO DO, there is no permanence of accomplishment.

Preceding all action, preceding all manifestation, there must be, within the consciousness, the WILL TO DO that which God intends.

It was WILL which gave impetus to Lord Buddha's consciousness to drive up through every Sphere until He reached what He considered to be the "Ultimate." It was WILL which enabled Him to forego the happiness, freedom, and pleasure of staying in any of the Seven Realms in order to move on into the very heart of the Eternal. It was WILL again which brought His consciousness back to Earth in order that He might give to mankind the Truths embodied in His experience.

It was WILL in the heart of Joshua and his followers which brought down the walls of Jericho as they marched around them. It was WILL *in the Heart of Jesus, the Christ, which* enabled Him to walk that road to Calvary—which burst the tomb asunder and which enabled Him to ascend into the fullness of His Perfection in the presence of some five hundred people.

That which a man WILLS *he shall have*— for the WILL is the magnetic power of the Godhead in the heart which does invoke and bring to man that which he desires.

One day, on a small island in the Atlantic, (Ireland) one man, St. Patrick, stood praying earnestly for his people. He stood there in the sun, in the rain and in the windy gale, invoking a dispensation from Almighty God that his people should not known Spiritual death. Said he: "I WILL remain until my prayer is answered." And he did!

It was God's WILL working through Moses on Mt. Sinai which brought to Him the Ten Commandments.

God WILLS for His children all good, all opulence, all beauty, all freedom! What you WILL to BE you WILL BE! What you WILL to manifest *must come,* for it is the Law.

Napoleon in Egypt, visited those sick with the plague to show that a man who is never afraid can vanquish that scourge. A WILL like that is a strong tonic to almost superhuman undertakings.

Imprison a Galileo for his discoveries in science, and he will experiment with the straw in his cell. Lock up the poor Bedford tinker in jail, and he will write the finest allegory in the world, or will leave his imperishable thoughts upon the walls of his cell. Burn the body of Wycliffe, and throw his ashes into the Severn—but they will be swept into the ocean, which will carry them, permeated with his principles, to all lands. The world always listens to a man with a WILL in him.

Wrote Garrison in the very first issue of the *Liberator:* "I am in earnest. I will not equivocate. I will not excuse. I will not retreat a single inch.—And I WILL be heard."

Time lends glamour to achievement, and builds marble statues in honor of the lifestreams that have externalized their visions for the benefit of mankind, but too little appreciation and gratitude has been expressed for that God-quality of *determination,* which is the motivating power that strengthens character fiber which clears the pathway of impediments, and literally propels man forward from decision to destiny.

It was *determination* which inspired Mr. Ingram, publisher of the *London Illustrated News,* to walk ten miles to deliver a single paper, rather than disappoint a customer, when he began life as a news dealer at Nottingham, England. Does anyone wonder that such a youth succeeded?

Circumstances have rarely favored famous men. It *is determination* which has carried them to triumph through all sorts of opposing obstacles. He who has the WILL to pay the price for victory needs never fear final defeat.

How much do you suppose Homer got for his *Iliad?*—or Dante for his *Paradise?* Only bitter bread and salt and going up and down other peoples' stairs. During the ten years in which he made his greatest discoveries, Isaac Newton could hardly pay two shillings a week to the Royal Society of which he was a member. There are no more interesting pages in biography than those which record how Emerson, as a child, was unable to read the second volume of a certain book, because his widowed mother could not afford the five cents necessary to obtain it from the circulating library. Linnaeus was so poor while getting his education, that he had to mend his shoes with folded paper. David Livingston, at ten years of age, was put to work in a cotton factory near Glasgow. So eager and thirsty was he for

knowledge, that he would place his book before him on the spinning-jenny, and amid the deafening roar of machinery would pore over its pages. In this way he mastered Virgil and and Horace.

Man is not a helpless atom in this vast creation, with a fixed position and naught to do but obey his own polarity. The true way to conquer circumstances is to be a greater circumstance yourself.

A Franklin does not require elaborate apparatus; he can bring electricity from the clouds with a common kite. A Newton can unfold the composition of light and the origin of colors with a prism, a lens, and a piece of pasteboard. A Ferguson lying on his back maps out the heavenly bodies by means of threads with beads stretched between himself and the stars. Elihu Burritt, working in a blacksmith's shop, and having but one book in his library which he carried in his hat, became one of America's wonders. Nicholas Angelo who made himself immortal in three different occupations, could not have his younger brother come to visit him at Bologna, because he had but one bed in which he and three of his assistants slept together. Chauncey Jerome who once chopped a load of wood for one cent accumulated millions from the manufacture of brass clocks which he exported to all parts of the globe.

The monetary reward, however, acquired by those who have been impelled by *determination* toward *destiny*, was not their only deed or, indeed their chief reward. When, after years of toil, of opposition, of ridicule, of repeated failure, Cyrus W. Field placed his hand upon the telegraph instrument, ticking a message under the sea, think you that the electric thrill passed no further than the tips of his fingers? When Thomas Edison demonstrated in Menlo Park that the electric light had at last been developed into a commercial success, do you suppose those bright rays failed to illumine the inmost recesses of his heart? Imagine the heart-felt gratitude that must have stirred the consciousness of Columbus; that must have even awakened his etheric memory of the days in centuries agone when, through the graw dawn of the 12th of October, 1492, he beheld the shores of San Salvador!

What a deep and lasting peace—what a sense of fulfillment —of completion there comes from externalizing in the three dimensional world, the Divine Plan for which we were created in the beginning. There are no duplicates of one's original Pattern. Having perceived one's Divine Intent, or having magnetized one of the multitudinous Ideas of the Father, great is one's opportunity — tremendous is one's obligation to bring into outer manifestation that Inner Vision.

Having made the *decision* upon one's course of action, the perception of the correct procedure—the coalescence of the many parts of the whole—the maintaining of the clarity of the original pattern—the concentration of all the energies toward manifestation—the regularity of application—the sealing of the project against the riptides of disintegration from within or without are all prerequisite to the accomplishment of a manifestation—but it is the WILL to BE—the WILL to DO that precipitates the action (decision), propels relentless direction toward accomplishment (determination) until one arrives at the goal (destiny) which is to become and to manifest that Divine Design which God intends.

IMMORTALITY THROUGH STRENGTH

"I AM" THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES! What does that mean? What is "strength", and what is "power"?

STRENGTH is the ability to ENDURE through to an accomplished end. It enables you to continue on when you might like to stop, and thus enables you to have Victory. It is therefore, a very necessary quality to help you through the stress and strain of your daily living in these momentous times.

STRENGTH of feeling helps you to hold the balance so that you do not fluctuate from great enthusiasm in one day to the depths of despair the next day. It enables you to hold self-control and be in command of the feelings that go forth from you. STRENGTH in the feelings enables you to send forth a steady radiance of kindness and good-will to every part of Life, regardless of what it might have done to you; to love and forgive even your so-called enemies, as our Beloved Jesus did.

STRENGTH of mind comes from being able to control it so that it becomes STILL at your desire and thus enables you to receive the promptings clearly from your God Self; to be able to concentrate and think things through; and to connect, through the power of your attention, with only those things which you desire in your world. STRENGTH of mind enables you to recognize and hold to the Truth, which means Perfection, and not accept the glaring appearances that try to frighten. STRENGTH of mind is to KNOW that GOD IS ACTING in everyone and

everywhere — to recognize the Light everywhere. It keeps you balanced and prevents you going off on tangents — it holds you steady.

STRENGTH in the etheric body is for you to turn your attention quickly away from every remembrance of anything unpleasant that has ever happened to you; to forget the hurts and to remember only the happy times and blessings which you have so richly enjoyed all through this embodiment. Things of the *past* can only be *past* as you allow them to be. Do not bring them forward to become your "tomorrow". You CAN remember and you CAN forget as you wish!

STRENGTH in the physical body comes when you have achieved some mastery in the above three, for the physical body merely reflects what has been acting in the feelings, mind and memories. STRENGTH of body enables you to serve without exhaustion, without losing the feeling of joy in the thing that you are doing. It gives you that excess vitality which is so exceedingly helpful in withstanding the vibrations of the outer world.

STRENGTH is a very necessary asset and when combined with the kindly feelings of Divine Love and used as Wisdom directs, it gives you that wonderful balance with the ability to stand against ridicule, derision and criticism when you take your firm stand for what you believe is right, regardless of what is pitted against you. It makes you a person to be depended upon.

When you say, "That person is a strong lifestream", what does that mean to you? To me it means that they have this balance which gives them the STRENGTH to stand against the human creation in and around them and not to accept it into their feelings, their minds, their memories or their physical bodies. In other words the Light coming forth from them REPELS the discord they contact. However, when STRENGTH becomes merely Power, unless it is qualified with the POWER of some definite constructive quality, without realizing it, POWER emanating from an individual can REPEL not only people but also things!

POWER is an accumulation of energy which many times can frighten people, but when that accumulation of energy is qualified with the Power of God's Love, the power of kindness, the power of peace, happiness, comfort—then it becomes a valuable momentum of STRENGTH for that lifestream and is a gift which can be given to assist other parts of Life everywhere.

POWER alone will bring you defeat. Unless you have compassion and a kindly feeling for all of life; unless you try to use your power wisely in helping some other part of life—or all of life—you will fail. Just to have Power, which in the human sense usually means the authority to tell some other part of life what they shall and shall not do, is not its correct use. Power has meant the authority to dominate and frighten people into doing what an individual wanted. Mankind has sought it down through the ages and used it ruthlessly regardless of who or what was hurt. This, of course, can only bring heart breaking karma to be transmuted at some future time.

Real power is gentle when it is needed and gives a feeling of security—it does not frighten. Real power is Love which blesses without effort. Real power is wisdom that is careful of the Life entrusted so that it expands only the Perfection of God's Life in a blessing of some kind.

Those individuals who are on the First Ray have a natural infusion of God's perfect energy and Life, greater many times than those on the other Rays, for they are very close to the Heart of God and are the first to receive the God Light and Love as it starts its journey of expansion. These individuals need to carefully guard their use of Life that it goes forth only constructively and thus build the Strength of the Light that each one requires.

How does IMMORTALITY come through Strength? By the very qualities we have mentioned and learning to control the feelings, thoughts, words and deeds. It takes great strength to keep the feelings kindly and harmonious, no matter what the provocation. It takes strength to continue in the direction which you have decided to follow—to make your Ascension in this embodiment — and to serve the Light in spite of all obstacles, following the directions of your heart against all appearances.

It takes STRENGTH to endure whatever lies before you until it is conquered through the power of the Sacred Fire. When you have the Power of Harmony and the Strength to hold your Peace and not say the unkind word—to be able to stand in the Silence and let your Presence take command—you will have your mastery, and Immortality will be yours. Strength is acquired by continued daily application and daily victories over the little things. Many times even seeming temporary defeat may give the Illumination needed and a lesson will be learned, to achieve a real victory in the Light later on. Strength is builded century after century in learning the right use of Life.

Seek not for Power without first learning what true Love is! Seek not for Power until you have humbly sat at the feet of the Ascended Masters and learned true humility and wisdom.

The Great Elohim Hercules is One of the Great Beings Who helped to build our lovely Earth. His power is beyond comprehension at the present time, for we are told He helped to build every star and planet in the Milky Way, which are legion! When you call to Him for His Great Blue Flame—for His Love, His Wisdom, His Power to help you—you cannot fail, for the pressure of His Light and Love is so great it PUSHES things through to Victory.

A story has been told about the Great and Mighty Hercules. It seems that many aeons of time ago He too, was in training while unascended (like ourselves) on another planet and He was in charge of something like what we would call a Monastery. He prided Himself upon His efficiency and the quickness and dispatch with which everyone and everything did exactly as He said and right on schedule—most efficient!

It seems that His Superior visited the Monastery and Hercules very proudly showed Him around and all He had accomplished—see this—see that you do this—you do that—and Hercules felt sure He would receive great commendation for work well done. Instead, to Hercules utter amazement, His Superior said "YOU HAVE FAILED!" Evidently the Love, kindness, consideration and cooperation of those under Him had not been given. Hercules was so shocked, for He had thought everything was in such perfect order, that at this temporary failure He went into the mountains, and it took Him TEN YEARS before He was ready to come back and take up where He left off and follow through to His Victory.

So let none despair if they have made mistakes—if they have been too efficient, which many times is merely another name for DOMINATING people so they do YOUR way. All mistakes are temporary for only Perfection is everlasting. But let this help you remember that LOVE is still the way—and when you have the POWER OF LOVE, you will have the STRENGTH OF ALMIGHTY GOD right in you, which will carry you through to IMMORTALITY and the Victory of the Ascension where you go "HOME—TO GO OUT NO MORE!" "I AM" THE LOVE OF HERCULES—now made manifest and eternally sustained.

STRENGTH THROUGH ILLUMINATION

In this three-dimensional world in which we function, three factors are required to see an object: light, a physical organ, and a comprehending consciousness. If any one of these three are missing—the organ of sight, the ability to perceive, or some means of illumination, one does not see concrete form. If one is travelling in the dark toward an objective — no matter how perfect the eyesight or clear the perception, what can he see—what feeling of assurance has he of reaching his goal? His stride is faltering—his feeling of accomplishment uncertain. But let the highway be suddenly lighted, and immediately there is renewed enthusiasm in the feelings, impetus in the actions and a sense of *fait accompli* in the character.

Likewise, mankind, having chosen to sojourn in a world of separateness from his God, has found himself walking a pathway of shadows without the assurance of Illumination.

As the light bulb, disconnected from the electrical current, renders no service, so does the individual, disconnected from his Divine Circuit, remain in darkness and is impotent to act with dispatch, lacking correct sense of direction.

Man is a seven-fold being. That is to say, each lifestream is equipped with seven bodies—four lower bodies which function on the Earth Sphere, and three Higher Bodies which function in the Spiritual Spheres, but which, nevertheless, form an integral part of the individual's equipment by which he may attain the full mastery of his life energy and thus gain his eternal freedom. The three Higher Bodies—the Electronic Presence, the Holy Christ Self, and the Causal Body hold a consciousness of perfection. The "I AM" Presence, the real "you" is an Individualized God-Being with a perpetually beating heart, within which is the Three-fold Flame, endowed with free will to create whatsoever the self-conscious Intelligence chooses, within Itself, to offer as a gift of added Light to the Universe. The Causal Body is the Aura of the God-self made up of constructively qualified energy.

The magnetizing power of the Immortal Three-fold Flame of God within each beating heart fashioned the mental body from the world of mind force, and designed it as a vehicle for the express purpose of seizing the Ideas born out of the Mind and Heart of God, and to mould them into pleasing, beautiful, practical forms which could be energized by the feelings and manifested upon the screen of life.

The emotional body was fashioned from the electronic substance of the world of feeling whose purpose is to *give life* to the

beautifully designed and perfected thought forms created by the mental body at the direction of the self-conscious Intelligence.

The etheric body was fashioned from the world of etheric substance to hold the *record* of the energized pattern until it could be outpictured in physical form.

The physical body was fashioned from the world of physical elements in order to have an instrument with which to *fulfill God's Will* in the physical appearance world. The process of creating a physical body out of the elements of Earth, Water, Fire, and Air was performed through the action of the centripetal force within the Immortal Three-fold Flame of God—drawing the purified elements of the Earth's atmosphere into a beautiful physical body.

The Holy Christ Self, the third of the three "Higher" Bodies is a projection of the Electronic Presence, and acts as a *step-down* transformer for It. It serves as a "Bridge" between the Instruments of the Higher Octave which function in the Ascended Masters' Realm, and the four "lower" bodies which function in the human octave.

A cable of electronic energy flows from the Three-fold Flame in the Heart of the Electronic Presence through the Heart of the Holy Christ Self and anchors within the Three-fold Flame in the physical heart. It is known as the "Silver Cord." Over it, comes not only the motivating power for the four "lower bodies", but also the embryonic Divine Pattern to be outpictured in the world of form.

For cycle after cycle mankind drew into outer manifestation the Divine Patterns he was intended to manifest from the beginning. The Circuit of Illumination remained open. Light upon the "path" flowed through in abundance. Came the day, however, when, *under certain influences, he began to withdraw* his attention from his God consciousness—to feel apart and complete in his four "lower" bodies—his human self. Thus does he, today, find himself in limitation, disease, and distress, walking a "path" of darkness, exchanging one human opinion for another—all to no avail. He finds himself caught in a *web of his own weaving*—imprisoned by vibrations exuding either from himself or from others. The impressions which have made up his "soul-life" through the ages have encased the Spiritual-self in a tomb of rebellions, resentments, fears, doubts, and the various ramifications of imperfection. The Spirit continues to slumber until the prodigal, unhappy with his satiation of the senses, begins searching for a way back "home".

For so long mankind has been travelling in darkness, disconnected from his Divine Source. By again opening his outer consciousness and connecting with the Divine circuit, he beomes a self-luminous center of healing, peace, mercy, opulence and freedom—thus multiplying and expanding the gifts and powers of God *at his point in the Universe.*

But how can man complete the circuit which permits the Divine Current of Illumination to permeate his "prison cell", showing him ready access to the Door of Freedom? The mass of mankind has not raised its head to ask the "why" and "how" of its "prison walls" nor how to extricate itself from the predicament, but has accepted life and blundered through centuries of existence in using such life according to the caprice of the moment !

Finally, the few satiated with the futile experimentation in the eternal pursuit of happiness, eventually cry out to an abstract Deity, the Omniscient One, for assistance. But this is not enough. It is like acknowledging the light that suffuses the Earth's atmosphere by day, but denying the focalized Intelligence of the Sun. So, too, the Light of God is individualized and focalized.

Abstract Divinity is graciously embodied in those who wish to bring the perfection and glory of God to man. These are the teachers of the race, through whom mankind may see, know, feel, touch, and experience the glory of the Father.

Many great Intelligences have chosen to embody the nature of God and to out-picture God-qualities through the flesh in order to awaken *within mankind* those same qualities, equally as potent, although temporarily dormant. Two among such embodied Intelligences in comparatively recent times are the Lord Buddha, and the Master Jesus. When Jesus said, "He who hath seen Me hath seen the Father", He spoke, in reality, the Truth. Thus, *for God Himself*, they were the "step-down" transformers, even as in school the sum total of the knowledge in the University is channelled through many instructors and stepped down into the consciousness of the students. They are the "focalized" Light of *God which illumines the shadowed pathway of mankind, groping* for a way back to the Father's House—reconnecting with his own God-self which he once knew so well.

It is the service of the Spiritual Teacher to awaken within man a desire to want to experience within himself the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven; to know the Law by which this manifest expression can come into being—and then to set that

law into action so that the resultant expression of the good of every description can flow through him, not only for his personal blessing, but also for the blessing of the evolution of which he is presently a part.

The man who applies to a Seat of Learning in order to become proficient in some art, science, or highly specialized skill, recognizes the self-evident truth that those who have already mastered the natural laws governing such developed talents and capacities are the natural teachers from whom he can benefit. He does not worship the teacher, but shares the teacher's consciousness—makes of it his own, and working through the shared instruction, comes to a like proficiency. It is equally true of the student on the Spiritual Path, seeking Light, as he returns to the Father's House. When he applies for more knowledge than the world can give, the Law opens the door by which he may enter into association with those who are masters of the particular phase of Spiritual endeavor which has drawn his interest.

Those who are the Masters of particular phases of Spiritual endeavor are not necessarily in embodiment as was once the Master Jesus, even though today He is just as near to us as our attention upon Him will permit His Presence, and even more potent to give us assistance than when He inhabited a flesh form nearly 2000 years ago. Even He, Himself has said, "The gifts of the Universal God Mind are so diversified that much of their blessings are denied expression through lack of recognition of My Brothers and Sisters who work hand in hand with Me in God's Kingdom. Would that the tenets of Brotherhood which true Christians emulate in their Earthly affairs, could be incorporated into their tolerant acceptance of the Divine Brotherhood of the Spiritual Sons of Heaven. These work for the benefaction of the race through the sons of men when They find a student responsive and sensitive enough to receive and transmit Their instruction and radiation."

While Jesus was in embodiment, it was the great God Being, Lord Maitreya, Who was His Divine Master and Teacher, and Who worked from Heaven's Realm through the Body of Jesus as His instrument. There was such a oneness of affinity, that when the Lord Maitreya wished to bless any part of life the Beloved Jesus would almost automatically raise His hand to bestow that blessing.When Lord Maitreya wished to speak, the full radiation of His words came through His pupil's lips. When He wished to enter Cosmic Service in Judea, there was His Son, so in accord with Him, that there was no consciousness of two Beings. There

was just the Christ in action, and the service was performed.

Later on, after Jesus had returned to the Inner Spheres as an Ascended Being, he performed a similar service for St. Paul (Saul) on the road to Damascus. St. Paul, intent on doing right as he saw it, invoked the Presence of the Living Jesus Christ, and in an instant he saw *right*, and seeing right, his soul embraced that Presence, and it became for him the stimulus to the development of his own Christ-self in like manner. Thus through the Spiritual Sun of Jesus' Presence, his own God Pattern was stimulated, developed, and externalized.

Within the heart of *every man*, there lives the Immortal Three-fold Flame of Life which contains within Itself the potential power of all the Flames of Divinity. Even as within coal, wood, peat, and other materials which ignite when exposed to an *already manifest flame*, there is combustible material which awaits the "spark" to become flame in themselves—so within the "Immortal Spark" of Divinity in every man is the *capacity* to respond to and create in ever-expanding intensity the Divine Flame of Redemption.

There are great Ascended Beings Who have become Masters of energy and Who have qualified it permanently with some God-Quality such as Peace, Divine Love, Faith, Healing, Opulence, Freedom and many others. Such God-qualified energy is known as the *Sacred Fire*. It is the mercy of the Cosmic Law that each individual may invoke these already established God Flames to stir the smouldering embers of Divinity within one's own heart. Happy is the man who chooses to use these Flames and be free of the shadows, limitations, and distresses which occur when the "Light" burns dimly and the darkness of the appearance world encroaches upon the expanding life of the self.

Too inclined is the prodigal returning to the Father's House to look *without* for redemption rather than *within*. Having qualified for Illumination from great Ascended Beings, his tendency is to cast upon them the personal discontent, limitations, inharmonies, and distresses which he meets on the return sojourn. Too long has man given power, authority, thought, feeling, and energy to every internal and external force to create and sustain limitation within and about him. The way of the Master is to turn the attention of the outer consciousness toward the Presence of God *within* him. When given opportunity, this Presence will create and sustain the Kingdom of Heaven through him for the blessing of both himself and his fellowman. When Jesus said, "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come," He realized that

while the disciples and followers of His doctrine relied on Him, they would not become acquainted with the individualized Presence that beats each heart, and have the Faith to call forth that Presence to create and sustain beauty, harmony, opulence, health, perfection and comfort for themselves and their fellowman.

Why does the Presence seem so ephemeral—so unreal—so difficult to attain with the faith of the personal self? Because through the ages, the outer consciousness has endeavored to live without Its guidance, counsel, and friendship. In every Sphere of individualization, practice results in the development of the capacities and talents of the individual. Cultivating, developing, and sustaining an active comradeship of the God-self with the heart reaps great results.

The requirement of the hour is to have Christ men and women walking the Earth able, as Jesus was, to accomplish all the feats of mastery over substance, energy, and vibration. Long ago the Master Jesus said: "The things that I have done, ye shall also do, and greater things shall ye do"—and every word of this promise shall yet be fulfilled.

It is an irrevocable requirement that every lifestream must return to the Father's House, and reconsecrate itself to serving life as the Father may choose to direct him.

Greater cause for rejoicing is not known in Heaven than that of the return of the prodigal son. The ascent of the individual consciousness is heralded throughout the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Presence of the Father, together with all members of the Divine Household rush forward to meet the ascending one, and to assist such an one to the fulfillment of his individual destiny of oneness with God in God's Kingdom. The individual must WILL, however, to make the return sojourn from inharmony into peace; out of limitation into opulent supply; out of Earth's evolutions into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Every assistance and Illumination will be afforded him, by Those Who know the pitfalls, to strengthen the returning one to meet and remove the obstacles of his own discordant creations.

FAITH IN A NEW WAY OF LIFE

The day had been cold and dreary—a day of snow and sleet and howling and biting wind. But I was indoors at last, and delighting in the light and warmth and cosiness of a great log fire. The fire was sufficient company for me. I wanted neither paper nor books, I did not want to talk. I wanted just to sit and gaze into that cheerful glow. Then—very gently my environment

faded away and I found myself in what seemed a great Temple. The seats were arranged in a circular formation with a Diamond Altar in the center, equally discernible from every point of view in the Temple. Upon the Altar burned a beautiful Blue White Flame. Over me came the feeling of great spiritual strength, great power, and renewed courage. The little world from whence I had come, with its seeming petty problems, was as nothing.

Suddenly before me stood a singularly beautiful Presence—a radiantly glorious Angel with shining eyes and exquisite golden hair—a natural and God-inspiring Presence.

"I have come to tell you," He said, "of a New Way of Life in which you may formulate policies to replace the tangle of human affairs which have resulted from following imperfect thought patterns and actions."

I was surprised, confused and felt rather short of breath.

"But there must be some mistake. I am not a statesman, nor a member of Parliament—not even a politician. My business—."

"Your business," interrupted the beautiful Being, "as a responsible member of society is the welfare of Humanity—no more than this and no less."

He spoke fervently, and I began to want to withdraw from Him. He was a Being of kindness, yet possessed very great strength—a Being who commanded your greatest admiration.

"Ah, but could I inspire you to respond—you members of the human family! Seventeen hundred years ago on your sweet Earth, Marcus Aurelius, the illustrious thinker, declared that clashings and oppositions were utterly unnatural and that man was intended for a better way of life. There are others on yonder side of the Valley who have taught, as there are Those on this same side today who are teaching this same great truth. The great masses of your race do not realize, even yet, even with all your wonderful progress, that right down the ages humanity has permitted itself to be governed by a policy of selfishness—the Law of Competitive Force."

"But, O great Presence," I said, speaking with great caution, "I have always understood competition to be a good thing. It has always been my impression that without competition life would be harder and worse than it is. If you destroy it you sap the springs of energy and reduce life and civilization to a less developed state."

"That is a *serious* fallacy," he replied with great energy. "Man must break with the past! He must make a clean cut! He must substitute the Law of orderly Co-ordination for the present

policy of selfish competition."

He paused after this deliverance, which had come from him with a positive assurance and power, and appeared to be thinking deeply. I thought I might venture another remark.

"I put it to you, O great One," I said, still speaking with humility and respect, "that competition is really the Law of Life—of evolution—of existence. Were universal co-ordination possible, which it seems to me it never could be, there would be no enterprise—no business—."

"Business!"—he replied—"Mankind is your business; the common welfare is your business. Again, I say to you, and through you to humanity at large, you must break with the past. If you would win for your world, harmony and a lasting peace, you must adopt henceforth the Law of Co-ordination as the Law of life. It is the keystone of national and international prosperity. Good will and mutual endeavor for the common good are what your world needs today—the purification of nationalism, and the exaltation of the spirit of emulation. Mankind progresses by the appearance of individuals in whom the instincts of co-ordination are more strongly developed. Almost all the advantages which man possesses arise from the power of acting in combination with his fellows, and accomplishing, by united endeavor of individuals, what could not be accomplished by the individual endeavor.

"When I was on Earth, I observed most carefully that a New Way of Life must be instituted among men and a new spirit in human affairs. The great principle of Brotherhood and Co-ordination must be substituted for individualism and competition.

"You human beings must recognize that you are members of one family. You cannot live to and for yourselves alone. Mankind must cease to follow the will o' the wisp of selfish materialism and find in life a great and blessed opportunity for service and self-sacrifice and closer union. As Macaulay's stirring lines point out:

'Then none were for a party,
  Then all were for the state;
Then the great man helped the poor,
  And the poor man loved the great.
Then lands were fairly portioned,
  Then spoils were fairly sold;
Then Romans were like brothers
  In the brave days of old.'

"Co-ordination holds the secret of peace—industrial peace, national peace, aye, and even international peace. The time has

surely come in the progress of the world when men must be animated by the higher ideal—when the race should rise to its true dignity, and dropping the idea of a struggle for existence, follow after and cultivate that better way—the struggle for the life of others—in other words, the Law of Co-ordination.

"Man and brother," he continued, "follow the words of St. Paul, 'Come let us reason together.' You claim the gift of reason, and rightly so. Use it now, and use it well. A world where men co-ordinate their labors in harmony is a reasonable world. All selfishness is unreasonable because it is inimical to the welfare of mankind. Why should not the world be a reasonable world for everybody—for everybody of goodwill to dwell in?"

I sat motionless as the beautiful Presence disappeared from my sight, but I still could hear His voice quoting the lines of Symonds:-

'Nation with Nation, land with land,
  Unarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
  The pulse of one fraternity.'

Then I opened my eyes and found myself in my own room, looking into the ashes of a dying fire—but my faith had been kindled, had been stirred, and was surging through every fiber of my being — unshakeable faith in the goodness of God, my fellowman, and in the NEW WAY OF LIFE.

REVERENCE FOR LIFE

"Protect and bless all things that have breath: guard them from all evil, and let them sleep in peace." This was the private prayer of a little Alsatian boy, after his mother had heard his prayers and kissed him good-night. He had seen a horse limping and could not forget it because he knew it must be in pain. Twice he had gone fishing but the sight of the struggling worms and the torn mouths of the fish had filled him with anguish. One day, when he was seven or eight, he went bird-hunting with another boy. As he stooped to get a stone for his sling he heard the Easter bells ring and thought it was a sign from Heaven that he should not kill. He excitedly waved his arms to frighten away the bird so the other boy could not hit it. He knew that never could killing any creature be sport for him.

His father, uncle and grandfather were ministers. Being the minister's son set him apart from the other village boys—both in action and in dress. He wanted so much to be accepted by them that, regardless of continual punishment, he refused to wear the heavy winter coat and cap provided by his father; he

refused, too, to wear leather boots, except on Sundays, because the other boys wore clogs, and for the same reason, he wore mittens instead of gloves.

Regardless of all his trying to be different, he was still Albert Schweitzer, "the parson's son." He was born January 14, 1875 in Kayserberg, Alsace, but remembers his earliest home at Gunsbach, fifteen miles away, where his father had accepted a charge before he was born.

Albert did not enjoy the village school but he did love music and enjoyed playing on the old square piano. He composed his own hymns when he was only seven. The next year he played on the organ at Gunsbach, sometimes substituting for the regular organist. He was nine when he played the magnificent organ at his grandfather Schillinger's church at Muhlbach. This organ, built by his grandfather, under the direction of the famous organ builder, Steir, had glorious tones which Albert could never forget.

It was in his ninth year that he was sent to school in Munster two miles away. He enjoyed his lonely walk to and from school, but was not particularly interested in anything else. His father felt discouraged about him and asked his half-brother, director of the primary schools in Mulhouse, for advice. Although he was not very hopeful about the boy's ability to learn, he offered to supervise his education. Albert's father gratefully accepted this offer and thus it happend that Albert spent the next eight years in the cold uncomfortable apartment of his Uncle Louis and Aunt Sophie. He was not happy there, knowing that he was not really wanted, and at first did not do well in his studies. Finally, he was given one last chance to make good. He compelled himself to study with enthusiasm. He enjoyed science and history and, above all, music. He was fifteen when the gifted organist, Eugen Munch taught him on a really great organ, discovering that Albert, himself, was greatly gifted.

Nearly every year part of his summer vacation was spent with his godmother at Colmar, the capital of Alsace, which had been great in the middle ages, when in 1226, it had been declared a free town by Emperor Frederick II. Albert always looked forward to market day when they visited the museum which had previously been a Dominican monastery, now the home of great paintings which affected him deeply. Near the museum stood a bronze statue of Admiral Bruat, the commander of the French fleet during the Crimean War. There were four figures at the base representing the four corners of the Earth. Albert always begged to visit this statue where he would stand engrossed with

the magnificent Negro figure representing the South. Bartholdi, the sculptor, has given great nobility to the features of the head bent in surrender. Much later, Albert Schweitzer wrote, "It was this statue by Bartholdi which summoned me, at the age of thirty, to live and work in Africa."

The summer after graduating from the gymnasium at Mulhouse, knowing only that he wanted to serve God, music and man, he decided to study theology, philosophy and music at the University of Strasbourg. Late in the summer he was invited by his uncle, Charles Schweitzer, to visit Paris before the college term began. He was greatly disappointed in the city and wrote home that he had seen nothing of value. His aunt wrote that he must meet the great organist, Charles Marie Widor and see the greatest organ in France, in the church of St. Sulpice. At the time of the meeting, Widor, the foremost composer of organ music, asked Schweitzer to play for him. He chose Bach, and his rendition so amazed and pleased Widor that he offered to teach him without charge. They immediately became warm heart-friends. Widor's name heads the list of those men whom Schweitzer claims have influenced him most.

Schweitzer enjoyed Strasbourg where he worked very hard. While carrying on his theological studies and philosophy he was also engrossed in music. Working with Ernst Munch and the municipal orchestra, Schweitzer soon became one of the leaders of Bach music in Strasbourg, but also studied deeply the music of Mozart, Gluck and Wagner.

At Whitsuntide, when he was twenty-one, he took stock of himself. He realized that he had great talents—his music, an understanding of theology and of philosophy. He had a robust body, glowing health and a beloved family. For what purpose had God given him these gifts? He knew he must share his strength with others but he did not yet know how or when or where. He decided to study, to develop his skills and powers to the utmost, until he was thirty, when he would forsake them, if necessary, to obey the command of Jesus. He believed, "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's shall save it." Thus he gave himself nine years, after which he would dedicate his life to the service of humanity.

He transferred to the Sorbonne where Widor prevailed upon his to make a study of Bach and his music to explain much that seemed obscure. At the same time he was working on his thesis for his doctorate—the religious philosophy of Kant.

Strasbourg University had given him a small scholarship to study anywhere and he decided upon Berlin. After receiving his doctor's degree he put aside philosophy to go on with his theology. He felt a great need to preach and became a curate and loved preaching.

When the principal of theological school died, Schweitzer was made acting principal—at the age of twenty-six. He was working very hard on the study of Bach, writing and giving lectures on the Life of Jesus and other theological subjects and at the same time he was both organist and curate. He still carried on social work started when a student and became interested in discharged prisoners and vagrants.

One evening while working in his study, his eyes rested upon a small magazine of the Paris Missionary Society with reports from different mission fields. He was familiar with this little magazine which his father had read from his pulpit in Gunsbach. Before laying it aside he read a brief article on the great needs and suffering of the Congo Mission in French Equatorial Africa, begging for Christian workers. When he read the plea for someone "on whom the Master's eyes had already rested" to give himself to this urgent work, *he knew he was that one.* This was a few months before his thirtieth birthday.

It was a shock to realize that as Doctor of Theology, Philosophy and Music, he could not answer the call. He must become Doctor of Medicine to heal the suffering bodies of the African natives. It required tremendous strength to give up the things he loved and had worked so hard to acquire—organs and organ music, preaching, the writing of books, not to mention breaking the close ties with family, friends and country.

It was in October 1905 that he mailed a handful of letters, announcing his intention of entering Strasbourg University as a medical student to prepare to go as a physician to Africa — to dedicate the rest of his life to the service of humanity. Great was his heartache when those dearest to him would neither understand nor approve his decision — all but Helene Bresslau, to whom he was engaged.

It was in December, 1911, that he passed his final medical examination. He still had a year of work as an interne and his doctoral thesis to write and then a course in tropical medicine in Paris and preparations to make for his journey to Africa. During this time he had worked unceasingly, not only at his medical studies but finishing books and giving concerts to meet his expenses. He wrote some time later, "Never have I known such

fatigue as I knew in those days." Many, many problems had to be met and overcome, including the raising of enough money to maintain his hospital for two years and to pay for drugs and equipment to take with him. In this task his students and friends proved their belief in him.

He married Helene Bresslau in June, 1912. He was thirty-eight, when on Good Friday, 1913, he waved goodbye to the place of his birth and all that had been dearest to him. On Easter Sunday he played the organ at St. Sulpice for the last time. The Bach Society presented him with a lead-lined piano. He had been willing to sacrifice his music but found it a blessed part of his new life.

When he arrived in Africa, the corrugated iron hospital, promised by the Paris Mission, was not there. A chicken house, without roof or windows became his first hospital, to which the native patients flocked. Before the rainy season set in he had built a hospital ward with corrugated iron walls and roof, large windows and a concrete floor. Soon five buildings formed the hospital with many more planned. From this lowly, almost impossible beginning, a modern hospital slowly grew—literally wrested from the steaming jungle, regardless of tropical heat, rainy seasons when no building could be done, the lethargy of the natives, and insufficient and untrained help.

The earliest missionaries had gone to Africa with a high spiritual purpose. Gradually this high purpose had waned and the colonizing powers went with the selfish intention of enriching themselves. The weapons of the natives were no match for the modern European weapons and always the Africans were enslaved or placed in inferior positions. Always, that which was advantageous to the colonizing power, was introduced although it destroyed the economic life of the natives, who were powerless to resist. Dr. Schweitzer had gotten this tragic story from many sources. He went to Africa because he felt the sins of white men who had taken so much of suffering and disease to their black brothers must somehow be redeemed. He loved and reverenced life—whatever its color or form.

When Dr. Schweitzer came to America in June, 1949, to celebrate the bi-centenary of Goethe's birth, he was asked if he regretted his sacrifice for the natives of Africa. His reply was, "There was no sacrifice. I am one of the greatly privileged."

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "If a single man achieves the highest kind of love it will be sufficient to neutralize the hate of millions."

THE TRIUMPH OF PROMPTNESS

Great men have been misers of *moments*.

While we are considering when to begin, it is often too late to start.

On the great clock of time there is but one word — NOW.

There is only one remedy for the victims of indecision, and that is prompt decision.

The summer of eternity will not be long enough to bring to maturity the fruit of delayed action.

Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute;

What you can do, or think you can, begin it.

The energy wasted in postponing until tomorrow, a duty of today, would often do the work.

He who waits, and doubts, and hesitates, and consults his neighbors about decisions and actions will find that he has no time left to follow their advice.

The present time is the raw material out of which we make whatever we WILL. Do not brood over the past, or dream of the future, but seize the instant, and get your lesson from the hour. God never gives but one moment at a time, and does not give a second until He has drawn the first.

Give me insight into today, and you may have the antique and future worlds.

To each man's life there comes a time supreme;
One day, one night, one morning or one noon,
One freighted hour, one moment opportune.

One rift through which sublime fulfillments gleam.

Ah, happy he who, knowing how to wait,
Knows also how to watch and work and stand
On life's broad deck alert, and at the prow

To seize the passing moment, big with fate,
From opportunity's extended hand,
When the great clock of Destiny strikes NOW.

The capacity of the consciousness to refuse to seek escape both from the present obligations and present opportunities either in the enjoyment of past glories or in the anticipation of future greatness, is the key to self-mastery.

The practical man seizes the opportunity of each new day and builds with this life something of merit to himself and his evolutions.

Those whose talents are cautiously buried in the promises of tomorrow's use fool no one but themselves.

When one perceives that creative thought-force and energizing feelings can and will mould out of today's life whatsoever that one wills, such an individual realizes that he is no longer the victim of yesterday's errors nor the unconscious creator of tomorrow's chains. TODAY is the DAY of OPPORTUNITY.